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GHOSTS OF GREAT DRAMAS HAUNT FORTNIGHTLY

'Shades of Shakespeare's Women' Saturday Afternoon

AVON BARD'S TER CENTENARY

Characters Skillfully Cast and Beautifully Portrayed at Local Amateur Entertainment.

The Fortnightly's Shakespeare Tercentenary program attracted a large number, who were well repaid for coming out in such severe weather as prevailed on Saturday afternoon; and no doubt an even larger number would have been present under more favorable conditions.

After a brief business meeting the program was opened with an introductory address by Mrs. Henry W. Tirrell, who spoke particularly of the pre-eminently human quality of Shakespeare's characters, saying that, above those of every other writer, they lived and breathed; each a complete and distinct personality; and the "Shades of Shakespeare's Women" who were later presented in ten scenes, surely upheld this statement. Even these "shades" were so vitally alive and moved and spoke in so convincing a manner that one might feel sure they were personalities who would never perish, but have life everlasting.

The audience was prepared for their coming by the prologue, delivered with fine understanding and distinct enunciation by Miss Frances Holden, dressed as a page.

The characters were skillfully cast and beautifully portrayed, and when all parts of an amateur entertainment seem to stand out as complete and pleasing pictures, it is not altogether desirable to select one more than another for special commendation; but the difficulty of presenting an Ophelia who can satisfy the student and lover of drama even for a few moments, excuses the praise which should be given Miss Jeanette Perkins for so fine a portrayal.

Mrs. Lucratus H. Ross gave artistic interpretations of two entirely opposite characters, and her sweet voice was never heard to better advantage than in Ariel's song "Where the Bee Sucks." She sang these words to the air composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan, and was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Arthur J. Holden.

In many details, which added to the success of the presentation, all those taking part were greatly indebted to Mrs. Arthur Elliot for her careful training. Her own impersonation of Lady Macbeth was a powerful one, and of necessity truly powerful, making a splendid climax to the preceding scenes. After seeing her, one could not entirely blame Lady Macbeth for her crimes, but rather for her weakness in keeping bad company. No woman, however noble, could retain her integrity if addicted to the society of three such witches as accompanied this hapless lady from the shades, and presumably back again, alas! as they were still near her when the curtains were closed for the last time by Miss Mary Hitchcock and Miss Florence Carver.

The pleasure this program gave was so general that it is not an exaggeration to say that every body there would have been delighted to sit through a repetition of all the scenes and also of the opening musical number which was finely rendered and heartily applauded.

The whole effect of the tercentenary

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any observance might be summed up in the remark of one of our popular teachers who exclaimed in her terse English as she looked over the large audience, "Who says Shakespeare's dead?"

The entire program was arranged by the literature committee, Mrs. Arthur J. Holden, chairman, and was as follows: Introduction—Mrs. Henry W. Tirrell Piano Duet, Overture—"Midsummer Night's Dream," Mendelssohn

Mrs. Arthur J. Holden, Mrs. George W. Keesman

"Shades of Shakespeare's Women"

Characters

Prologue—Miss Frances Holden

Ariel, "The Tempest,"

Mrs. Lucratus H. Ross

Miranda, "The Tempest,"

Miss Maude Beldon

Portia, "Merchant of Venice,"

Mrs. William H. Willis

Desdemona, "Othello,"

Miss Mary Patch

Juliet, "Romeo and Juliet,"

Miss Dorothy Patchin

Cordelia, "King Lear,"

Mrs. George H. Bickford

Katherine, "Taming of the Shrew,"

Mrs. Lucratus H. Ross

Ophelia, "Hamlet,"

Miss Jeanette Perkins

Lady Macbeth, Macbeth,"

Mrs. Arthur Elliot

Witches, "Macbeth,"

Mrs. Arthur J. Holden

Miss Esther Merrill

Mrs. Willard W. Bartlett

During the business session notice was given of an appeal for a ten cent donation from each member to swell the annual contribution to the State Federation Scholarship fund, this being asked by the executive board.

The next meeting was announced for March 4, the speaker to be Prof. George G. Groat of the University of Vermont and his subject "The Changing Industrial Status of Women."

NORTH BENNINGTON

A. E. Torrance of Bennington spent Sunday in town.

E. J. Worthington is one of the latest victims of the grip.

The "Regiment" is on the way; it will reach Bank Hall, March 10th.

J. M. Barber has returned from visiting relatives in Schuylerville and Stratton.

The local W. C. T. U. is planning to present a temperance pageant, in which over thirty will take part, in the Baptist church on the evening of March 22.

Parker U. Cole has taken the agency for the Buick automobile. Two agents of the company brought his demonstrating car here from Rutland Friday.

Mr. Boughton, who has been a clerk in J. P. Griffith's grocery store for some time, has finished his work there. His place will be taken by Edw. White of West street.

Mrs. Harry Armstrong of Bennington Falls will entertain the Ladies' Missionary society of the Hinsdaleville M. E. church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The leader will be Mrs. R. A. Jewell.

All who enjoy a good supper and a social evening, will find both at the Congregational church Tuesday, Feb. 22. A good entertainment will be a feature of the evening, all in charge of the Ladies' Aid society.

The lovers of chicken pie, have a treat in store for them Wednesday evening, March 1st, at Bank Hall. At that time the ladies of Tucker Chapter, O. E. S. will serve one of the suppers for which they are famous.

The members of the Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church will meet at the home of Mrs. G. B. Wellings Wednesday afternoon. The subject for consideration will be "The Hidden Leaven in Japan," and Mrs. J. S. Clark has the program in charge.

Miss Monahan of Troy, who has been caring for her niece, Miss Clara Monahan at the home of Arthur Patton on School street, left Sunday for her home. Miss Monahan is recovering and expects to be able to go to Troy in a few days for a visit and to recuperate preparatory to again assuming her duties in the Primary department of the Graded school.

The Proof of the Pudding is in the Eating.

What the sick want is to get well. They do not care whether they are cured by the most scientific physician or the most unlearned neighbor—they don't care how they are cured, if only they get well.

For forty years women suffering from female ills have been taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and have been getting well; and because they have got well, that great medicine continues to have a sale equalled by that of few proprietary preparations.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

FELL IN ICE-WATER ON COLDEST DAY OF WINTER

R. D. Tufts Received icy Plunge Getting Ice from Raceway

ICE STOPS STREET-CAR TRAFFIC

Mill Men Had Hard Time Getting Power This Morning When Roaring Branch Overflows.

A plunge in ice-water up to his neck on the coldest morning of the year was the experience that befell R. D. Tufts of the woodworking firm of Sargent & Tufts when he tried to clean out the mill race in his raceway this morning.

Mr. Tufts was directing his men in digging a hole so the water could get through and start his plant when he slipped and went in, to be hauled out a moment later none the worse for the experience except for a severe chill.

All of the mill owners on Roaring branch, its tributaries and raceways were more or less affected by the freezing of the stream last night and this morning. The Sargent & Tufts plant was not able to get power until well into the forenoon and in one place the water flooded the surrounding land to a point so high that it ran in on the mill floor and froze. No property damage resulted.

The water reached main street and followed the carline down as far as Union street, where it took to the sewer. When gangs of men had succeeded in clearing away the anchor ice above and allowed the water free passage through its usual course the surface water froze on the tracks and held up traffic for several hours. It was necessary to transfer passengers from one car to another at the bend around Cooper's mill.

A crew of men were busy chopping the ice from beneath the wheels of the snow-plow which became stalled opposite the paper box company and the express car was met by teams near Main and Beach street and freight transferred from there for delivery at the main street station. The upper main street cars carried no passengers further than the High school until nearly noon.

Giving Requires More Ability Than Earning, Says Carnegie

In the March Woman's Home Companion is an article by Andrew Carnegie on the principles of giving by which he has disposed of \$350,000,000 already.

"The great problem in our age," he says, "is the proper use and administration of wealth. This may seem surprising when it is considered that there are but three ways in which it can be used: First, saved to be left to one's family; second, bequeathed for public purposes, and, third, administered for the public good during the lifetime of its possessor. Passing over the first mode which to me seems to be the most injudicious—after providing moderate sources of income for wife, daughters and sons—we come to the suggestion that one's wealth be bequeathed for public use. This is one way, to be sure, in which a man is content to wait until his death before he becomes of much good in the world. At the same time, a knowledge of what public purposes have been served by legacies is not calculated always to inspire, in the brightest hopes that much posthumous benefit will be accomplished by them. Many cases come to mind in which the actual object sought by the testator has not been attained. Indeed, his real wishes are often thwarted. There are instances in which the bequests are being used in such a way as to serve as monuments of the giver's folly. It should not be forgotten that, as a rule, mere ability to require to use wealth so that it will be really beneficial to the community than is called forth in the mere making of a fortune."

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont fair tonight and Tuesday. Not quite so cold tonight, Wednesday warmer.

NOTICE!

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NO SUMMER IN 1816

One Hundred Years Ago Ten Inches of Snow Fell in June.

One hundred years ago, in 1816, to be exact, Vermont had no summer. Ten inches of snow fell in June of that year and people were frozen to death. Overcoats and mittens were worn all through the summer months, and there were suicides due to fear that the sun was cooling off. The following account of that remarkable season was printed some years ago in the Concord, N. H., Monitor as being the narrative of "the nonagenarian James Winchester of Vermont."

I remember the year that was winter from one end of it till the other, and when the weather was so severe in June that a terrible snow storm prevailed on the 17th of that month, and people were frozen to death in the month of roses. I don't think there are many people who have a recollection of the year without a summer, as I have, for various reasons, one being that there are few surviving who were as old as I was in that year, and another is because a near relative of mine was frozen to death in Vermont on June 17 of that year, which was the year 1816.

I was 14 years old then and lived in Vermont where I have always lived and where that memorable season was at its very worst, as in the other New England States in June snow fell five inches deep, and in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey it was nowhere deeper than three inches. In Vermont it was 10 inches deep on the level. I mean the great snow on June 17. Snow fell several times during that month. In fact there was snow and ice in every month of 1816.

The snowstorm of June 17 was one of the severest ones I ever saw, even in the depth of winter in that locality of heavy snows. An uncle of mine had some sheep in a back pasture lot. To get to that lot he had to go through a piece of woods for nearly a mile. The weather had been very cold all through June. The big storm of the 17th began about noon, and my uncle started after dinner to go to the sheep pasture to fix up a shelter of some kind for the sheep. No one had any idea, cold and eccentric as the season had been up to that time, that we would have a fall of snow that would amount to anything at that time of the year.

I was at my uncle's when he left home to go to the sheep lot, and as he went out of the door he said to his wife in a peculiar way: "If I am not back in an hour call the neighbors and start them after me. June is a bad month to be buried in the snow especially when it gets so near the month of July." Nothing more was then thought of the matter.

The snow increased in fury, and by night it drifted so that roads were almost impassable, but even then, and when it grew dark, none of us felt uneasy about uncle. The weather had become bitter cold. When night set in, in earnest, and there was no sign of my uncle's return, his wife sent me and my cousin who was two years younger than I, to alarm the neighbors and tell them that we believed uncle had been lost in the snow and perished.

We had a hard time getting to the nearest neighbor's less than a mile away, and there gave the alarm, but could go no further. The neighbors summoned others, and in spite of the severity of the night they searched the woods until morning, but no sign of the missing man could be found. The search was taken up by others the following day, and all the next night, without any trace of him being discovered except that he had reached the pasture and built a shelter of boughs in one corner of the lot under which the sheep were huddled. On the forenoon of the third day the searchers found my uncle buried in the snow a mile from the pasture, in an almost opposite direction from home. He was frozen stiff. He had evidently become bewildered in the blinding storm, and had wandered about until he succumbed to fatigue and cold. It seems a most improbable thing that a person ever fell a victim to a snowstorm in the middle of June in this latitude, but I have this sorrowful knowledge of one instance at least where such a thing was only too true.

The wind during June, July and August of 1816 was continuously from the north, and it blew fiercely and cold. Farmers wore heavy overcoats and mittens while about their work every day during these months. There was but little use of planting any thing, nothing grew to speak of, but they did plant corn as usual, and planted with mittens on.

There was very little rain during the entire season. The great piles of firewood that always accumulated during the summer months at the farmhouse back doors in readiness for winter didn't accumulate in 1816. They were needed for current use. July was colder even than June, and August was colder than July. Ice half an inch thick formed in July, but in August it froze an inch and more. There was a heavy snowstorm on August 30. The whole summer was

DEMOCRATS MAKE SELECTIONS FOR TOWN OFFICES

About Fifty Voters Attended Caucus Saturday Night

WARD L. LYONS FOR SELECTMAN

Considerable Difficulty Experienced in Securing a Candidate—F. D. Ranney Three-Year Lister.

Between 40 and 50 voters attended the democratic caucus held at the N. E. O. P. rooms on South street Saturday evening. Instead of adopting the usual custom of authorizing the chairman to appoint a nominating committee the caucus made its selections from the floor and the change resulted in some confusion. Considerable difficulty was experienced in securing candidates to take the nominations for selectman and lister for three years. Two attempts were made to put the name of Frank Crawford on the ticket. When the move was made the second time Mr. Crawford's name was placed before the caucus and on a division of the house he lost by a vote of 9 to 16.

William H. Lundergan declined nominations for selectman and lister for three years. James P. Hogan was on the ticket for selectman for a short time, but was interviewed by a delegate from the caucus and positively declined. Fred C. Martin also declined to accept a nomination for selectman.

John P. Mulligan called the caucus to order and read the call. Mr. Mulligan was selected chairman and John P. Morrissey was chosen to act as clerk. The following nominations were made:

Moderator—Dr. E. B. Daley.
Clerk—E. A. Booth.
Selectman—Ward L. Lyons.
Treasurer—Charles H. Dewey.
Overseer of the poor—George R. Mathers.

First constable—William E. Sears.
Second constable—John Searcy.
Collector of taxes—J. George Hudgins.

Lister for one year—James H. Grennan.
Lister for three years—F. D. Ranney.

Auditors—H. D. Fillmore, A. E. Hollister, E. D. Wellings.
Trustee of public money—George F. Graves.

Grand jurors—John H. Kelly, E. J. Murphy, James A. Pellerin, James Leonard, sr.
Agent to defend and prosecute suits—R. E. Healy.

Tree warden—E. S. Buss.
Road commissioner in district No. 1—Houghton Rice.
Road commissioner in district No. 2—John Scully.

School commissioner—Louis Briggs.

bleak and dreary as November. There was not a green thing to be seen anywhere. The first two weeks in September brought the first real warm weather there had been during the year. Thermometers registered up to 70 degrees which was 25 degrees warmer than it had been since May.

The general opinion had been that the cause of the cold summer was a sudden and rapid cooling of the sun by some violent disturbance, and many believed that the end of all things was at hand. The appearance of the warm spell in September, though, dispelled that fear for a time, but on the 16th of the month the cold weather returned suddenly and the calamity believers were once more made miserable by their fear. One old man, James Gooding, by name, was so hopeless over the prospect that he killed all his cattle and then hanged himself after vainly trying to induce his wife to make way with herself, also, to escape the terrible and gradual death by freezing and starvation which he believed was to be the common doom.

Cold increased from the middle of September until winter returned, and it may truly be said that in Vermont, at least, the year 1816 had neither spring, summer nor autumn. There wasn't grain grown enough that year to seed the next spring, and those who were lucky enough to have more than they wanted for their own use, had no difficulty in selling it for \$5 and more a bushel.

Every one is sure to have a good time at the Eagle house dance in Foresters' hall, Feb. 25. Adm. 35c. Adv.

RUSS'ANS DRIVING TURKS OUT OF ASIA MINOR

Main Allonian Army in Danger of Capture

ONE DIVISION ALREADY CUT OFF

Grand Duke Nicholas Pressing Advantage on Both Flanks Aided by Black Sea Fleet.

Petrograd, Feb. 20.—By the extraordinarily rapid advance of the whole Russian front in the Caucasus following the capture of Erzerum the main Turkish armies operating in Asia Minor are imperiled and it is believed here will be cut off and surrounded. Grand Duke Nicholas, Commander in Chief of the Czar's forces in the Caucasus, has left Tiflis for Erzerum, which probably will be his headquarters.

The Russians are pressing the advantage on both flanks. On the right, along the Black Sea coast, by the co-operation of the sea and land forces they are driving the Turks from one position after another to the east of Trebizond, and it is expected that active operations against that important seaport will not be long delayed.

In the last two days the Russians have occupied Witke (Widje) and pressed forward ten or twelve miles westward. The fleet has destroyed in succession several shore batteries which might have been of assistance to the Turks, and, by keeping well in advance of the land forces and by destroying bridges over several streams in the path of the retreating Turks, has rendered their retreat more difficult. The fleet has been working so close to the shore that the warships have been reached by rifle fire from the Turkish troops. On the other hand, the ships have spread confusion in the ranks of the Turks by dropping shells among them.

On the left flank, after the occupation of Koph, the Russians pushed on to Mush and Achiat, the latter on the north shore of Lake Van. From Koph to Mush, sixty miles over mountain roads, they fought several battles, and occupied Mush by storm. The Turks fled southward toward Diarbekr, the next objective of the Russian Army. Once in possession of Diarbekr, it is only fifty miles to the Bagdad Railway, the last remaining communication into Syria.

The rapid Russian offensive beyond Erzerum, it is believed here, makes it probable that the retreat of the Turkish corps operating along the Black Sea coast, and of those troops which were active in the Mush district before the Russian occupation, will be entirely cut off. This fact has already overtaken the Thirty-fourth Division of the Tenth Corps, which was ordered from Olti to Erzerum before the fall of the fortress.

DIZZINESS, CONSTIPATION

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